

# Bernalillo County Fire & Rescue Department

## Home Fire Safety Quiz

( print this form for future reference)

### The Problem

In 1998, the U.S experienced approximately:

- 5000 fire deaths
- 25,000 injuries
- \$8-10 billion in direct property loss from fire
- Roughly, two-thirds of the U.S fire deaths are occurring in ones and twos in the victim's own home.

### A Solution-Practice Home Fire Prevention

The following check list is a home fire safety survey. If you answer "No" to any of the questions, you should correct the situation as soon as possible. If you are in doubt about the problem as it applies to your home, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 761-4225. They will be glad to advise you.

**YES NO**

<b>Exterior</b>		
• Are your house numbers visible from the street?		
• Are all exit ways clear?		
<b>Living room</b>		
• Does the fireplace have a screen and hearth?		
• Are fireplace ashes safely disposed of?		
• Is the chimney regularly cleaned?		
• Are plugs and electrical cords in good condition?		
• Are electrical cords out from under rugs?		
• Do you have a proper amount of extension cords coming from one outlet?		
<b>Bedroom Hallway</b>		
• Is there a smoke detector outside your bedroom?		
• Is the smoke detector maintained and tested once a month according to manufacturer's instructions?		
• Is the hallway clear of obstructions?		

**YES NO**

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<b>Bedrooms</b>		
• Are all electrical cords in good working condition?		
• Is there a lightswitch and a working flashlight within reach of the bed?		
• Do you and your family have two ways out of your bedrooms?		
• Have you practiced it?		
<b>Kitchen</b>		
• Is the stove hood and vent cleaned regularly?		
• Are small appliances unplugged when not in use?		
• Are household chemicals and matches stored away from children?		
• Are emergency numbers prominently displayed by the telephone		
• Do you have a home fire extinguisher and have you asked your fire department when and how to use it?		
<b>Basement, Garage, Work Areas</b>		
• Do you have a smoke detector properly installed in the basement stairway?		
• Is the smoke detector maintained and tested once a month according to manufacturer's instructions?		
• Are the washing machine and dryer properly grounded?		
• Is the dryer lint trap regularly cleaned?		
• Are the furnace and water heater regularly professionally maintained?		
• Is your water heater set to prevent scalds (120°-125°F)?		
• Are all flammable liquids stored away from the heating system and are they in tightly closed metal containers?		
• Is your basement, work area or garage free of oily rags, sawdust and rubbish?		
<b>Fire Safety Tips</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A cooking fire in a pot or pan can be quickly and easily extinguished by putting on the correct lid</li><li>• If clothing catches on fire, STOP, DROP, and ROLL (don't run, drop to the ground, and roll to smother the fire).</li><li>• Cool minor burns with water, immediately.</li><li>• In case of fire:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Feel doors for heat before opening;</li><li>-Crawl below the smoke;</li><li>-Get outside and stay outside;</li><li>-Call the fire department from a neighbor's phone</li></ul></li></ul>		

